

July 13, 1999

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

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I am writing to you to express my concern about the prospect of weakening or eliminating the labeling requirements for irradiated foods. Any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation should be clearly labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating such treatment has been administered and should be placed in close proximity to the name of the food, easily read, and accompanied by the "radura" symbol. If the food is not packaged, this information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale.

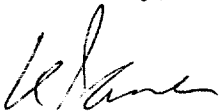
Like other labels required by law, irradiation labels must be truthful and not misleading. Proposals to use phrases like "cold pasteurization" are inappropriate because actual pasteurization is an entirely different process. The terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained because these labels accurately reflect what has been done to the food to treat it. The radura symbol, without written disclosure, is inadequate in my opinion.

People have a right to know what it is they're buying and putting in their mouths!

*PLEASE ENSURE THAT LABELING REQUIREMENTS ARE STRENGTHENED,
NOT WEAKENED, FOR SUCH PRODUCTS!!!*

Thank you so very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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